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1. A Sea Police member stated that 25 percent of the Sea Police soldiers were discharged from the Parow unit in early July 1953. All ratings below the rank of Sergeant were demoted one rank and their pay reduced accordingly. The reason given for this measure was that the funds for the Sea Police had been cut considerably. New regulations concerning leave of the Sea Police were issued, according to which married petty officers and privates of over three years service were allowed to live with their families outside the barracks installations. Petty officers and privates with less than three years' service, had to live in the barracks as before and were granted shore-leave from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Officers were exempt from this regulation.
2. Between late June and early July 1953, the Sea Police Main Administration transferred from Berlin to Stralsund and was quartered in the Parow Sea Police School. Only the printing office of the Sea Police Main Administration remained in Berlin. The main administration and all its offices were quartered at the Sea Police School in Parow. The personnel of the school was quartered in tents on the premises of the school. Vice-Admiral Verner and his family was temporarily accommodated at the Hotel zur Post in Stralsund. From 6 to 8 July a carbine-carrying Sea Police guard was posted in front of the hotel and, since 9 July 1953, a pistol-carrying sentry has been observed there. Vice-Admiral Verner will definitely be accommodated in the villa of the former resident officer (garrison commander), on Kripperdam, opposite the Municipal Theater, which had been evacuated by the FDJ and was being reconditioned. The official headquarters of the Vice-Admiral in the Sea Police School in Parow is to be reconditioned. The Vice-Admiral's wife's maiden name was Engels and she hailed from Stralsund. She attracted attention in Stralsund by her elegant and conspicuous by western dresses. (sic)
3. At 1 p.m. on 6 July 1953, about 120 Sea Police soldiers led by a sergeant, were seen marching from the Parow Sea Police School to Stralsund railroad station. Some of the soldiers carried small baggage and were unarmed, while other baggage was carried on trucks following the unit. At 6 p.m.

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on 6 July 1953, a unit of about 50 Sea Police soldiers, who also were unarmed and carried small baggage, were seen marching from the Sea Police School to the railroad station. They all wore a toothed wheel with a star in the middle on the left upper arm. These badges were embroidered and of yellow color. A Sea Police member stated that the 200 soldiers, who were observed at 1:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. on 6 June 1953, had been transferred to Wolgast and Kuehlungsborn.

4. On 23 July 1953, it was observed that the fence south of the Sea Police School as well as the HC-stall were razed and later replaced by a brick wall south of the school at the north end of the private houses located there. The area of the Sea Police School was expanded.

25X1A 1. Comment. The Headquarters of the Maritime Hydrographical Service was transferred from Berlin to Daenholm Island.

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